

House Resolution 2253

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County Board of  
2 Commissioners for working together for the use of middle school facilities to provide after  
3 school recreational activities for children in grades K through 12; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, studies have shown that the highest crime rates for school age children occurs  
5 during the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, during the after school  
6 hours where many children are left without supervision or constructive activities; and

7 WHEREAS, organized recreational activities for school age children provide numerous  
8 benefits for the physical and emotional well being of a child, including exercise, a safe  
9 environment, the development of social skills through learning sportsmanship, a sense of  
10 belonging from team camaraderie, and an outlet for overcoming stress and boredom; and

11 WHEREAS, the provision of organized sports also benefits society by helping children to  
12 develop the positive life skills which are necessary to support productive lives in the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide community based recreational activities to school age  
15 children and the chairpersons of the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County  
16 Board of Commissioners should come together in a spirit of cooperation so as to provide this  
17 essential government service to the children of DeKalb County; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the General Assembly and the State of Georgia  
19 that the doors of the local middle schools to be unlocked throughout DeKalb County to allow  
20 for organized sports for all school age children within this local community.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 this body commends the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County Board of

23 Commissioners for working together for the use of middle school facilities to provide after  
24 school recreational activities for children in grades K through 12.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the members of the DeKalb  
27 County Board of Education and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners.